

## ABSTRACT

5 The board supporting stage is formed with three plate-shaped elements of first element (10), second element (20) and third element (30). Board suction holes (10a) are arranged in the first element (10) avoiding overlap with board through holes (12a) in the board (12). Thus, a board supporting stage eliminating the risk of suction of air via the board through holes, facilitating replacement of the elements constituting the stage, and having favorable board holding capability, is provided.